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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

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Sir:

- I, Glen R. Walters, a citizen of the United States, residing in Hollywood, Florida, hereby declare and state as follows:
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- 2. IBM had invested substantial time and effort into the research, development, and marketing of their products, and in an effort to protect its rights in all new inventions, IBM requests that all employees prepare and submit confidential Invention Disclosure Forms upon conception by the inventor(s).
- 3. As a named co-inventor for this invention, I and my co-inventors prepared and submitted the attached Invention Disclosure No. BOC8-2000-0054 pursuant to IBM guidelines.
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Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 U.S. Patent Appln. No. 10/038,719 Docket No. BOC9-2000-0061 (196)

- 5. I diligently worked with outside counsel to prepare and file the above-mentioned patent application.
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GLEN R. WALTERS

Date: 12/2/05

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THOMAS E. CREAMER

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The foregoing instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me this <u>5</u> day of <u>BEMBER</u>, 2005, by THOMAS E. CREAMER, who is <u>personally known</u> to me or who has produced (type of identification) as identification.

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Sir:

Please find enclosed for filing:

1. Response to Office Action;

2. Declarations Under 37 C.F.R. § 1-131;

3. Confidential Invention Disclosure, submitted in confidence under seal.

4. Composite Exhibits "A" and "B", submitted in confidence under seal;

Please charge the required fees and any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Respectfully submitted,

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Main Idea

*Title of disclosure (in English)

Instant Messaging/Chat client with "Set-up a Voice/Phone Conference" feature

*Idea of disclosure

1. Describe your invention, stating the problem solved (if appropriate), and indicating the advantages of using the invention.

This allows a person to select a symbol or icon in an instant messaging or chat session. When the person selects or clicks on the symbol or icon, a voice/phone conference is initiated between the instant messaging or chat session participants. Whether the call is PSTN or Voice over IP (VoIP) based is determined by instant messaging or chat session participants preference.

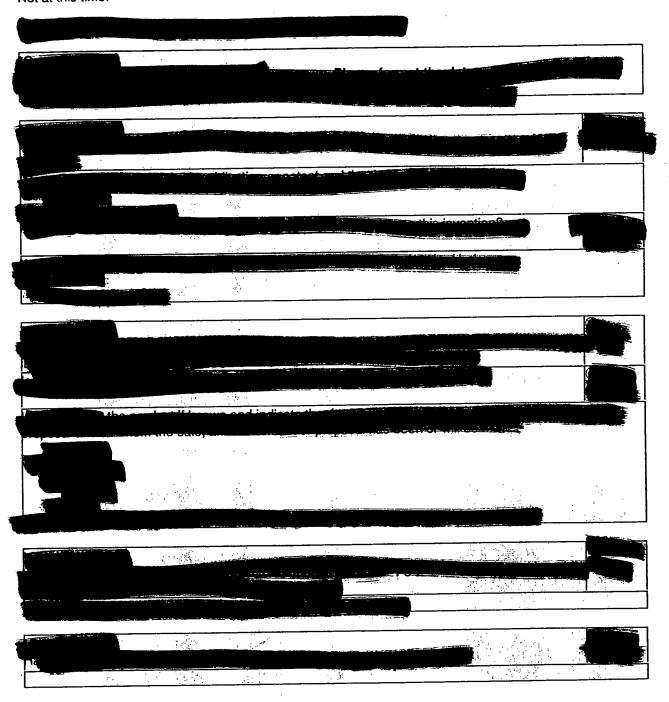
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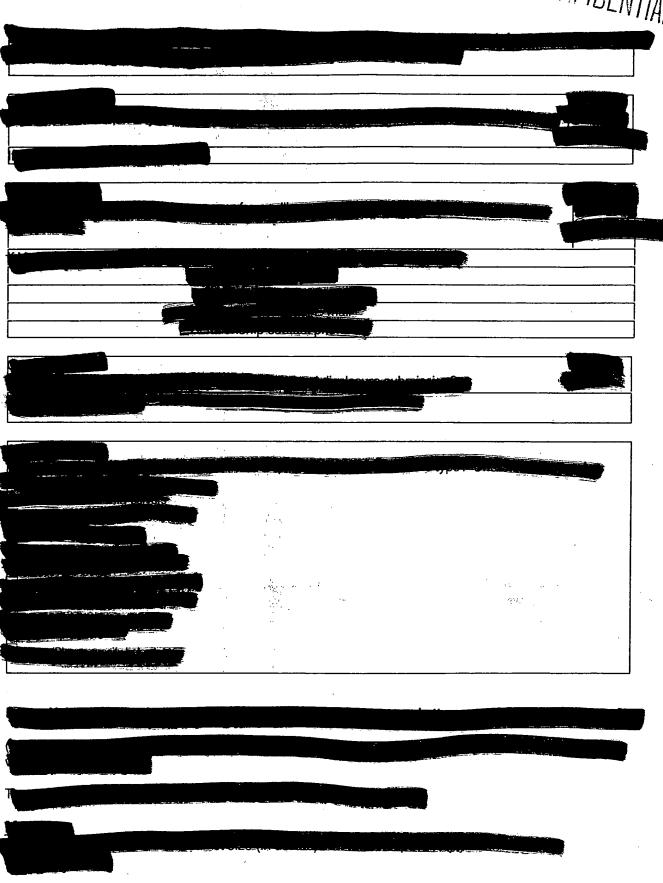


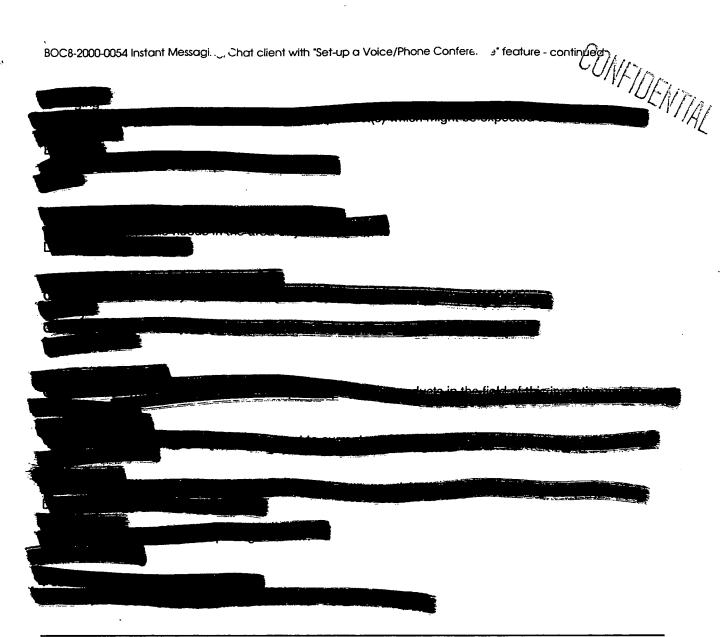
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This invention allows instant messaging or chat session clients to link with network features which support voice processing. The instant messaging or chat session clients in the voice conference do not have to understand how to set-up the voice conference.

- 3. If the same advantage or problem has been identified by others (inside/outside IBM), how have those others solved it and does your solution differ and why is it better? No.
- 4. If the invention is implemented in a product or prototype, include technical details, purpose, disclosure details to others and the date of that implementation. Not at this time.







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Dear Steve,

Please prepare and file the cases listed below with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the invention disclosure is enclosed for your use in preparing the application in accordance with IBM's format.

Invention Disclosure: Title: IBM Docket: BOC9-2000-0055 Invention Disclosure: Title: IBM Docket: BOC9-2000-0056 Invention Disclosure: Title: IBM Docket: BOC9-2000-0057 Invention Disclosure: Title: (IBM Docket: BOC9-2000-0058 Invention Disclosure: Title: IBM Docket: BOC9-2000-0059 Invention Disclosure: Title: IBM Docket: BOC9-2000-0060

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Title: INSTANT MESSAGING/CHAT CLIENT WITH "SET-UP A VOICE/PHONE CONFERENCE"

FEATURE

IBM Docket: BOC9-2000-0061

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Tomlin Consulting Attorney

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October 11, 2000

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Re:

New Patent Application

INSTANT MESSAGING/CHAT CLIENT WITH "SET-UP A VOICE/PHONE

CONFERENCE" FEATURE

IBM Docket No. BOC9-2000-0061; Our Docket No. 6169-196

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter dated October 2, 2000. In accordance with your instructions, a patent application will be filed in the above-referenced matter on or before April 2, 2001. Notwithstanding, we will strive to prepare the patent application in an expedient manner.

As always, thank you for allowing us to be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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Re:

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Dear Tom:

Enclosed please find a draft of a patent application for the above-identified matter. Please review it carefully to ensure that the description of the invention accurately recites all of the invention's characteristics in the broadest possible manner, while also explaining, in detail, the preferred embodiment of the invention. The drawings should also be reviewed to confirm that they accurately depict the various details of the invention as you understand them. Finally, please read through the numbered claims at the end of the application. The claims will define the scope of protection any patent issuing from this application will provide. Accordingly, you should review them to ensure that they do not unduly restrict the scope of the invention by including any unnecessary detail. After you have reviewed the application, please call me with any comments you may have.

Please recall that patent applicants have a duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all reasonably pertinent prior art of which they are aware. Failure to do so can jeopardize the validity of any patent issuing from an application. Accordingly, should you become aware of such references at any time during the pendency of this application, please let us know.

Very truly yours,

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Hello Elaine:

Here are the questions I have that I'm hoping you can shed the answers to:

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(2) BOC9-2000-0061 [6169-196] and BOC9-2000-0099 [6169-223] The draft patent applications were sent to Glen Walters on 07/06/01. We have not received any comments from him as yet. Neither of these applications have been indicated to hold until next year for filing by you, but can you see what the status of Mr. Walters' review is?

Thanks.

Alaine Allison Akerman Senterfitt & Eidson, P.A. 222 Lakeview Avenue, Suite 400 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 653-5322

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Alaine, Glen Walters has reviewed this application and said it is okay to process.

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